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For:	METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING SUB-POOLS OF TEST QUESTIONS	:	Attorney Docket No. **029279-5001**	

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DECLARATION BY APPLICANT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.132

I, DMITRY I. BELOV, declare the following:

1.   I am the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

2.   I am a co-author of a publication cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 9, 2004, entitled Belov, D. and Armstrong, R.D., *A Stochastic Search for Test Assembly, Item Pool Analysis, and Design* ("Stochastic Search").

3.   The Information Disclosure Statement filed September 9, 2004, indicates that the Stochastic Search article was published in January of 2004. This is not correct. The Stochastic Search article was disclosed during a meeting that included representatives of certain law schools who are members of the Assignee of the present application, Law School Admission Council ("LSAC"), in March of 2004. Stochastic Search was published as an LSAC research report, accessible via www.lsacnet.org, in September of 2006.

4.   The Stochastic Search article describes my own work.

5.   The contributions made by Ronald D. Armstrong to the Stochastic Search article are identified below and are not claimed in the above-referenced patent application:

- Use of a "maximum set packing" formulation, on page 5, in the paragraph before Algorithm 2.

- Use of comparing two different pools, on page 6 of the publication.

- Assistance in writing the summaries of the article embodied in the "Abstract," "Introduction" and "Conclusion", as well as provision of commentary to improve the overall clarity of the article.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: _09/26/2008_   _____
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